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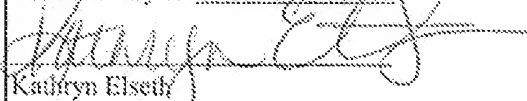
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006, Applicant makes the following amendment, election, and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Election to Restriction is made on page 6 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.